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Mrs. Susan Eldridge  
Mrs. Harold Tuttle  
Mr. Cyrus F. Baker

Dear Mrs. Eldridge:

This letter is in connection with your claim for damages on the taking of Monomoy by the United States Government, and a copy of this letter is being sent to each of you as above addressed.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter I received from Daniel J. Buckley, Jr., Attorney for the Larkin family, and you will note from his letter the reason he sets forth a claim of \$200.00 for the Larkins.

You will have in mind that the amount set out for the Government for Parcel No. 28, which is the parcel in which we are interested, was \$1,815.00. In other words, Mr. Buckley proposes that if the Larkins offer no objection to our claim we would get \$1,815.00 and out of that amount we would pay the Larkins \$200.00, leaving \$1,615.00 for distribution to you.

The deed under which we base our claim, from James Hunt to Levi Eldridge, describes our land as bounded "On the South by the beach and meadow of Joshua Y. Bearse, Joseph Reed and others".

It may be that Mr. Buckley will be able to establish a claim for a part of the \$1,815.00 on behalf of the Larkins, and on the other hand it may be that the Court will not find in his favor so that we are in a position to decide whether or not to proceed with the claim which we have, and let the Larkins prove that they have any part of the \$1,815.00 due them. On the other hand, as you will recognize, it would be much easier so far as the Court case is concerned to have no opposition and settle by pre-arrangement the basis of distribution of the money.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire of each of you your opinion as to whether to effect a settlement by the payment of the \$200.00 or whether to mark the case for Court hearing and let the Larkins prove their case. I am inclined to suggest the latter course, although I leave the decision entirely up to you.

Please advise as soon as you are able to form an opinion, and it may be that you three will wish to discuss the matter together.

Sincerely,

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